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INTRODUCTION OF MEDICINE FOR AIDS PATIENTS
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian drugs companies are working to introduce a single pill to be used by AIDS patients in a day to check the HIV;

(b) if so, the estimated cost of the said pill; and

(c) the time by which said medicine is likely to make available in the market?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS AND MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI B.K. HANDIQUE):

(a) The Office of Drugs Controller General (India) has informed that a proposal to manufacture a three drug combination for the treatment of HIV has been received, which in based on reported approval of the combination by USFDA.

(b) and (c) The details of cost and the likely time by which the said medicine would be available in the Indian market is not maintained by the Office of Drugs Controller General (India).